

Ron Lafferty receives death penalty

Execution stayed pending automatic appeal

By LESLIE M. GANDOLA
Senior Reporter

Convicted murderer Ron Lafferty chose death by a firing squad Tuesday after a unanimous jury decision imposing the death penalty.

"I would like to state that the charges that I have been charged with are false charges," Lafferty told 4th District Judge J. Robert Bullock. "By asking for that mode of death or anything else, I am not admitting to my guilt in any manner whatsoever."

Lafferty said he was not prepared to die and when asked of his feelings about the trial answered, "What can I say, a kahgaroo court."

Lafferty's execution date was set for July 2 but will be stayed until after an automatic appeal to the Utah State Supreme Court as required by law when the maximum penalty is invoked.

The nine-man, three-woman jury deliberated not quite two hours before returning the verdict. Jurors refused to comment on the trial.

Chief Utah County deputy attorney Wayne Watson said the verdict was appropriate and justified. "I think it's an appropriate verdict," Watson said. "It doesn't bring any of the victims back but it is the most appropriate thing."

Watson said the case was the strongest criminal prosecution he had ever been associated with or seen.

Court-appointed defense attorney Richard Johnson said he was surprised the jury returned in such a short time and said he did not expect the death penalty.

Johnson said he plans to appeal for a mistrial based on several factors, including Lafferty's competency to stand trial and a failure to allow certain defense. "I personally believe that he is (mentally ill) and I don't believe such a person should be punished," Johnson said.

Bullock gave Lafferty a choice of death by a lethal intravenous injection or by firing squad. After quietly discussing the matter with Johnson, Lafferty chose the latter. "Your honor, I think I prefer the firing squad," Lafferty said.

Johnson said the brief discussion with Lafferty on the mode of death consisted of religious and moral views. "He is talking on an entirely different realm," Johnson said. "We don't talk about law."

"He couldn't make a decision, the same thing that has happened the whole way through," Johnson said. Lafferty was convicted Thursday of the brutal slayings of his sister-in-law Brenda Lafferty and 15-month-old niece, Erica Lafferty. He was also found guilty on two counts each of criminal conspiracy and aggravated burglary.

In a purported revelation received by Lafferty, the two victims and two other individuals were commanded to be "removed."

In addition to the death sentence, Lafferty was given two five-year-to-life sentences and two terms not to exceed 15 years. All sentences were ruled to run concurrently.

"I'm just glad it's over," Watson told reporters. "I'm tired, I'm sad and I'm just glad to be done with it," he said.

In closing statements made earlier dur-

ing Tuesday's penalty phase, Watson told the jurors their decision had already been made for them. "You're not making the decision to impose the death penalty, he already made it for you," Watson said. "He has already made the decision in a rational, competent, premeditated fashion."

"Return a verdict of death. It is the appropriate verdict in this circumstance," Watson said.

Johnson said the most important factor to be considered by the jury was if there was some social hope for reform. "I think this man has the right to have restored to him what he had for 40 years," Johnson said.

"You have to ask what happened," Johnson said. "Was this guy just in remission for 40 years," he said.

"You have got to come to a conclusion that this man has a right to live," he said. "Sure he's crazy," Watson said. "You would have to be crazy to do something like this."

Watson told the jurors Lafferty showed no remorse and a verdict of death would be an act of "societal self-defense."

"He is a murderer through and through... he will kill again," Watson said. "The only thing that is going to save the life of his next victim is you."

"I believe that this is an instance where the death penalty is justified, where justice requires it," Watson said.

In the only testimony heard Tuesday, a seven-year acquaintance of Lafferty told the court Lafferty was a "very good friend."



Universe photo by George Frey

A nine-man, three-woman jury deliberated nearly two hours before returning a unanimous decision imposing the death penalty on convicted murderer Ron Lafferty. Lafferty chose to die by firing squad rather than by lethal injection.

Alpine leeway vote loses

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By a vote of 53 to 42 percent, taxpayers the Alpine School District voted Tuesday not to approve a proposed three mill wage property tax increase that district officials had hoped would give them \$1.8 million.

Instead, the district must now look for other ways to improve its use of existing resources. Dr. Charles P. Lloyd, district clerk/auditor, said the district would definitely have to change its spending habits, making before the election, Lloyd said that if the vote failed, cuts would first be made in the areas of educational supplies.

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small expenditures were somewhat flexible budget items.

Though disappointed in the outcome, Lloyd said the district had done its part and had given voters the option of deciding for themselves what kind of education they wanted. The election process, he said, would also make the district staff better equipped to handle educational challenges in the future.

The Alpine District is approaching the end of its budget year and will have a tentative budget drafted for examination at next Tuesday's district board meeting in American Fork.

Opposition to the leeway had been both vocal and persistent with some claiming the district had not been straightforward enough in its explanation of past investment problems.

Also among those speaking against the tax was the Utah Taxpayers Association which urged voters to defeat the measure on the grounds that "only nine of the 40 school districts in Utah have higher property taxes."

Association spokesman, Howard Stephenson, said that once approved, the voted leeway would have been a permanent tax — a tax "That future generations would be required to pay without the opportunity of another vote."

Alpine District critics also claimed it had not agreed to reduce other levies as did the Provo and Ogden School Districts in recent leeway elections.

Lloyd said the turnout, 13 percent of the registered voters, in last year's presidential election, was good for a special election of this type.

Heavy bombardment in Beirut ends in immediate cease-fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Christian and Moslem militiamen ended each other Tuesday with tank cannons, mortars, artillery and rockets in the heaviest barrages in the Lebanese capital in at least 10 months.

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shells and rockets hit east Beirut and its suburbs. Moslem broadcasts said thousands of mortar rounds hit the west side.

"The few people who stayed or were caught in buildings near the front line huddled around radios in bomb shelters and basements. Some have been there for three days."

"The last three days have really been terrible," said one man at a building near one of the Green Line crossing points. "But the worst is yet to come," he said, echoing fears that the latest cease-fire also will collapse.

Burned-out cars, chunks of concrete and broken glass littered the streets. After the cease-fire was declared a few groceries, bakeries and pharmacies opened and some residents raced through near-deserted streets to buy supplies. President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon telephoned President Hafez Assad of Syria, the state radio announced. It gave no details.

Assad has been trying to mediate between Lebanon's Christians and Moslems. Gemayel's government has failed to halt the fighting.

Reagan still at odds with Spain's policy

MADRID, Spain (AP) — President Reagan said Tuesday he has new support in Congress for helping anti-government rebels in Nicaragua, but he remained clearly at odds with Spain's socialist leaders over Central America policy.

For the second day in a row, administration officials, while not skirting the policy disputes with Reagan's hosts, attempted to focus attention on the president's scheduled appearance today in Strasbourg, France, marking the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

Volunteering quotations from Reagan's prepared text, national security adviser Robert McFarlane said the president would accuse the Soviet Union of "moving toward development" of mobile, multiwarhead missiles which could avoid arms control detection and are "clearly designed to strike first."

"In doing this, the Soviet Union is undermining stability and the basis for mutual deterrence," Reagan will say, according to McFarlane.

He said the weapon to which Reagan would refer was the SSX-24, a medium-sized missile which the United States previously has said will be deployed on rail in 1987 or 1988.

Reagan, meanwhile, delivered a speech to Spanish leaders hailing the results of his economic policies and discussing at some length his intention to unveil a plan to overhaul the income tax system when he returns to the United States.

The president discussed U.S. policy toward Nicaragua and the recently imposed U.S. trade embargo against that nation during a 40-minute meeting with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

In a briefing for reporters, Secretary of State George P. Shultz made no secret of U.S.-Spanish differences over Nicaragua.

"I didn't get any sense of support for our economic sanctions," Shultz said. He added there was "some difference in analysis" over the U.S. view that Nicaragua "is definitely moving itself in the Soviet and totalitarian direction."

Gonzalez will meet in Madrid on Saturday with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, who is returning home after a trip to Moscow. The meeting gives Gonzalez an opportunity to demonstrate that Spain, the mother country of Latin America, is independent of the United States.

Shultz said the United States and Spain are united, however, in the goal of democracy for Central America.

In a speech at the Juan March Foundation, Reagan said "freedom, we see, is contagious, and the force of your example has inspired a continent. When I first became president a little over four years ago, the map of our hemisphere was shadowed by dictatorships."

"Today, for the first time ever, the exceptions to the democratic tide in Spanish-speaking America can be counted on the fingers of one hand. They number four. Two, Paraguay and Chile, have entrenched military rule. The two others, Cuba and Nicaragua, are communist tyrannies," he said.

Reagan and his staff were delighted by reports from Washington quoting House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill as saying that members of Congress were embarrassed by Ortega's trip to Moscow immediately after the House vote to deny aid to anti-government rebels.

O'Neill said sentiment may be shifting toward resuming aid for the rebels.

"I think there are some people having second thoughts and discovering they have been the victims of a disinformation campaign, as perhaps even some of you present have been," Reagan told reporters as he posed for pictures with King Juan Carlos in the ornate gardens of El Pardo Palace, the 63-room estate he is using as a guest house.

Shultz said Spain's desire to cut back on the 12,000 American troops in this country was raised and will be discussed later in diplomatic forums.

"We'll have to examine the situation and see where we go from there," Shultz said.

Belated celebration welcomes veterans home from Vietnam

NEW YORK (AP) — New York drew a belated welcome-home party Tuesday for 25,000 veterans of the Vietnam war with a ticker-tape parade that drew tears and cheers echoing over the concrete canyons of lower Manhattan.

"We love you," a woman shouted on her fifth-story office.

"Thank you, lady," a marching vet yelled back. "I needed that." Leaning from office windows, landing on fences, and precariously perched atop vending trucks, throngs cheered and waved American flags as a group of veterans from across the nation passed by.

And they cheered when Gen. William Westmoreland, the soldiers' commander for part of the war, limped down a reviewing stand to march beside 25 Medal of Honor recipients at the head of the column. Police estimated the crowd at 1 million.

Signs lining the route read: "We would have said it sooner — we're proud of you," and "Thanks, so much."

"Welcome home," said a banner held by Janet Scarpati, 40, of Jackson Heights, Queens, as she stood atop bleachers behind City Hall.

"These are the appropriate words to say to soldiers when they come back from fighting," she said. "It's been a long war, and it's a little late, but we do welcome them." The air was filled with confetti and streamers were webbed with streamers as

the parade made its way from Brooklyn across the Brooklyn Bridge and down to Battery Park at Manhattan's southern tip.

"It was really a thrill," Westmoreland said after the parade, adding it was one "I don't think any of us expected to happen."

Mayor Edward I. Koch also marched near the vanguard, pushing the wheelchair of state Assemblyman John Behan, who lost his legs 20 years ago in Vietnam.

"It was a lousy war, but a helluva parade," Behan said. "The enthusiasm of the people was nice to see. They meant it when they said, 'Welcome home.'"

"We should have done it a long time ago," Koch added.

Jerry White, 35, of Manhattan, a former Marine who said he served in Vietnam "13 months, 23 days and 6 hours," agreed and was bitter that the nation's approval was so long in coming.

White did not march, saying he came out of respect for those who did.

"I don't consider this a thank you, and it's not a parade. It's just a mob, it's more like a political convention or something. Ten years is too late for anything," he said.

Monday night, about 8,000 veterans attended the dedication of a 70-foot-long, 16-foot-high glass wall etched with letters from soldiers in Vietnam, that is the city's Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



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A sprinkle a day . . .

There is more than one way to keep cool and refreshed on a hot spring day in Provo, as demonstrated by these two young sprinkler fans. As

the temperature rises and summer approaches, sprinkler-hopping is likely to gain popularity. Have you had your sprinkler today?

China remains socialistic despite economic reform

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Despite the astounding success of economic reforms in China, it is still a socialist country by all definitions, and the chance of anything being allowed to operate for long without laissez faire seems remote, said a visiting economic expert Tuesday.

Professor Keith Griffin, president of Magdalen College at Oxford University, spoke at the first forum address of the spring term and focused his talk on the economic reforms instituted by Deng Xiaoping in China in 1978.

China is the world's largest undeveloped country, according to Griffin. A recent census showed it is the most populous Third-World country, double the size of all the other 31 undeveloped countries, he said.

China is a socialist country with all of its

large enterprises belonging to the state. Agricultural land is collectively owned and the provision of basic needs is largely the responsibility of the state, he said.

Griffin spoke of four important reforms that have taken place in China, the first involving prices received by farmers which have been raised sharply while prices for industrial products have been kept low.

The agriculture's terms of trade improved at least 30 percent between 1978 and 1982, Griffin said.

The second reform concerns the policy of local grain self-sufficiency. This has enabled producers and economic managers greater freedom in deciding what to grow and how to grow it, said Griffin. "Effects can be seen, notably in the reduction in the amount of land devoted to grains and increase in the acres allocated to industrial crops."

Liberalization of the private household economy is the third reform, said Griffin. They have enlarged private plots, encouraged private non-agricultural activities and removed most restraints on the free market, he said.

China abandoned collective farming as its fourth reform and now the collectively owned land has been handed, under contract, to peasant households.

This system, according to Griffin, has converted peasants into tenant farmers paying fixed rents.

The question of whether or not China is still a socialist country depends on the individual's definition of "socialist," said Griffin. If one believes ownership and control of instruments of production by the community constitutes socialism, then China is a socialist country, he said.

"By the criterion of ownership, China is socialist, not capitalist," he said.



Professor Keith Griffin, president of Magdalen College at Oxford University, spoke about economic reform in China at Tuesday's forum assembly.

GOP leaders begin campaign for members

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders kicked off a campaign Tuesday to convert 100,000 Democrats to the GOP in the next 100 days.

Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, said the campaign, dubbed "Operation Open Door."



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KSL and BYU sign three-year contract for broadcast rights to sporting events

By ANGIE HOLDAWAY
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Television and radio coverage of BYU sports will be increased because of a new three-year contract signed Tuesday between KSL-TV (Channel 5) and BYU.

The signing was the culmination of several months of careful negotiations between KSL-TV and BYU. The three-year agreement gives KSL exclusive local commercial broadcast rights to all of BYU's sporting events.

KSL-TV vice president/station manager Bill Murdoch and BYU Executive Vice President W. Rolfie Kerr signed the agreement Tuesday at the KSL Broadcast House in Salt Lake City.

Although the first BYU basketball game was televised 45 years ago and coverage has steadily increased since then, the signing of the agreement was the first official one of its kind and involves all of BYU's sports. This agreement will allow Cougar sports to be covered first by the national networks and then by KSL.

KSL-TV coverage will be devoted mainly to basketball and football games, but plans are in the makings for the station to broadcast other BYU sports as well. According to spokesman Alan Seko, KSL-TV presently is not sure which sports they will cover.

"I've heard talk of broadcasting baseball,

gymnastics, golf or tennis, but a lot of that decision depends on public interest," Seko said.

In the upcoming year Channel 5 plans to broadcast approximately five football games and six basketball games. However, according to Murdoch, this number may fluctuate depending on public interest.

"We feel the contract makes positive efforts in serving the public and hope we receive positive feedback," said Murdoch.

Officials at BYU also had positive feelings about the signing of the contract.

"We are pleased to be involved with this agreement and look forward to the next three years of coverage . . . my only hope is

you love us in November as much as you do in May," said BYU Athletic Director Glen Tuckett. Finalized plans as to which games will be broadcast are yet to be negotiated, but according to Seko they will broadcast mostly away games so that attendance at the Marriott Center and Cougar Stadium will not decrease.

Along with the increase in television coverage, KSL-Radio has implemented an attempt to increase the number of stations covering BYU sports.

"The increase could involve such areas as Phoenix, Los Angeles and San Diego. It is our hope that we expand the coverage market to reach as many people as possible," said KSL-Radio spokesman Tom Glade.

Ferguson proposes new Provo budget

By SABRINA ROBERTSON
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Revenue base increases of 8 percent for power services and 9 percent for water and waste water services were proposed Tuesday night to the Provo City Municipal Council as part of the 1985-86 budget.

Mayor James Ferguson proposed a total budget of \$50,130,578, an increase from last year's budget of \$41 million.

The largest percentage of the proposed

budget will go to the electric fund with \$20,586,041 and the general fund receiving \$14,389,578.

The recommended cost of living adjustment for city employees is 4 percent along with a city funded long-term disability program in the employee benefits package.

A total of 15 new job openings city-wide and openings converted from part-time positions were proposed, most of these in the power department. The other openings appear in the enterprise operations and

general fund.

The major change in the proposed budget is the funding of the general operations and maintenance of Provo city without using any Federal General Revenue Sharing funds, according to Ferguson. This is a reduction of \$9,319 in potential revenue for this fund.

An additional average cost of \$12.85 per year for each household is proposed for the general fund. This includes average increases of \$2.20 per month for power, 98 cents per month for water and \$1.18 per

month for sewer services.

Ferguson also presented his State of the City Address to the Council. He called attention to the problems the city faces in supplying power and stated that water lines and sewer lines need to be replaced because they are either too small or deteriorated.

A pressing problem is the lack of landfill capacity to dispose of solid waste for the city. He stated two options: either transfer the waste to a site some distance away from the city or dispose of it by burning.

Beautification and renovation era begins

By TOM WALTON
Senior Reporter

Private donations to BYU have been the impetus for a flurry of beautification projects on campus, and the completion of the fountain near the Abraham Smoot Building signals the beginning of a new construction era.

According to Paul Richards, director of BYU Public Communications, future policy

will depart from construction of big buildings, and instead turn toward the renovation and improvement of existing facilities.

The fountain comes to BYU compliments of O. C. Tanner, who donated money for its construction. The new addition is only one of the beautification projects at BYU. Construction is also under way on the Ernest L. Wilkinson Center.

Richards said there were two reasons for

the renovation of the ELWC. The foremost was the question of safety.

"We couldn't leave the stairwell as it was, because it didn't meet the fire and safety code. It was not legal as it was a glass-enclosed fire escape. The building was okay when we built it, but the code changed and we had to revamp," he said.

"Another reason was we wanted to have

the building look more integrated and uniform."

Fortunately an anonymous donor contributed substantial funds for beautification projects on campus, and part of this money was budgeted for the ELWC renovation.

Though the construction of the ELWC is not yet complete, Richards said it is on schedule and the major construction is finished.

NEWS DIGEST

Schroeder responding after brain hemorrhage

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — William Schroeder was alert and responding to verbal commands Tuesday as doctors tried to pinpoint the extent of damage from a brain hemorrhage that ended the longest-living artificial heart recipient's 30-day liberty outside the hospital, officials said.

Schroeder was in critical but stable condition at Humana Hospital Audubon, where computer-enhanced X-rays Monday showed bleeding in his brain, said Bob Irvine, Humana Inc. public relations director.

Implant surgeon William C. DeVries and Schroeder's other doctors did not want to disclose details of Schroeder's condition, including where the bleeding occurred and the possible causes, Irvine said.

He said they might be more willing to talk after viewing results of a second CAT scan, the computerized X-rays that last 45 to 60 minutes and allow doctors to view cross sections of the brain. The second scan, which would provide a comparison to the first, was scheduled for Tuesday.

It may be some time before doctors perform tests to determine whether Schroeder suffered lasting brain damage, said Donna Hazle, Audubon's director of public relations.

Dr. J.P. Salb, the Schroeder family's physician for the past 20 years, said the hemorrhage was on

the left side of the brain, which controls the right side of the body. It was not known whether Schroeder suffered a stroke, which Salb said can be caused by a hemorrhage.

A cerebral hemorrhage occurs when a blood vessel breaks or blood seeps out of its normal channels, resulting in too much blood washing over the brain. A stroke occurs when a clot blocks the flow of blood to the brain.

Schroeder, 53, the only artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital, had been living in a nearby apartment since April 6. He was readmitted after the initial CAT scan detected bleeding.

Schroeder requests reduction of sentence

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP) — Former New York socialite Frances Schroeder serving a life prison term for the first-degree murder of her wealthy father, has asked the Utah Supreme Court to overturn her conviction or reduce it to second-degree murder.

A June 11 hearing was set to hear arguments in the appeal, filed by Salt Lake City attorney Ronald Yengich, who contends the trial judge made numerous errors in courtroom procedure and admission of evidence.

Schroeder was convicted in September 1983 for aiding and abetting the shooting death of Salt Lake businessman Franklin Bradshaw. His body was found in his westside warehouse on July 23, 1978.

Her son, Marc Schroeder, was found guilty of firing the weapon at his grandfather, but was convicted of second-degree murder rather than first. The state argued that Schroeder coerced her son into the crime because she was afraid of being left out of Bradshaw's will.

Meese seeks to abolish illegal evidence ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese III told prosecutors Tuesday he hopes that eventually "we can do away with" a rule which bars the use in court of illegally obtained evidence.

Meese said he has fought for nearly 25 years to abolish or relax the "exclusionary rule," enunciated in a 1914 Supreme Court decision that interpreted the Constitution's 4th Amendment prohibition against illegal search and seizure.

Appearing before a legislative conference of the National Association of District Attorneys, an organization representing some 6,500 local prosecutors, Meese said he was heartened by the high court's decision last July that authorized "good-faith exceptions" to the rule.

In a 5-3 ruling, the court held that when judges or magistrates make mistakes that violate a defendant's rights — and police reasonably rely on those court actions — the rule generally should not come into play.

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Coping with death subject of new play

By KENNIFER J. JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Whether myth or fact, it is frequently said that doctors cannot write legibly. Pleasant Grove resident Carl T. Bell is doing a lot to change that type of perception.

In addition to his medical career, Bell writes that are not only legible, but producible. His play "A Will and Away" opens Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Margetts Arena Theater, HFAC, will play through May 25.

"A Will and Away" deals with the importance of dying and with the sensitivity people feel for those who are dying. The focus character in the play is Mam, an elderly woman whose death creates problems for her family. Mam does not die as soon as expected, the family decides to put her in a nursing home.

When they (Mam's family) come together at the end of Mam's impending death," said play director Kathy Biesinger, "the reunion is an apt and arousing situation to let some long-smoldering as fly and some genuine love be exchanged."

Bell and the actors in the play have all contributed to the meaning of the play. Bell said, "I am not alone in their endeavors. I wrote a word in the play, but the meaning has been by many people. This was not an individual effort."

Bell relied upon his experiences as a doctor and personal observations as a human regarding death and the foundation for the play. Bell said the circum-

stances surrounding death "are humorous and some of them seem rather insensitive. Others, of course, are tragic."

The sense of trauma surrounding aging and dying prompted Bell to become involved and tell people about the problem. He explained, "The best way to fight this is to write a play about it to rouse interest in the issue."

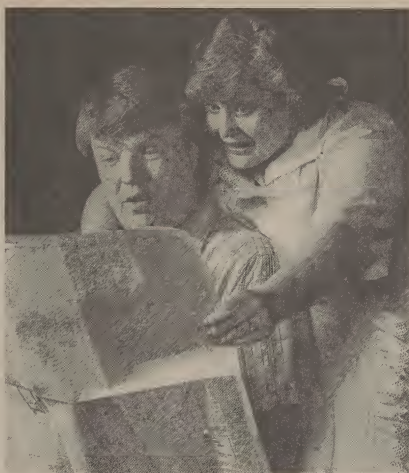
Bell feels strongly about the problems of the aged. "If I didn't have something to say, I wouldn't take up peoples' time trying to make them listen," he said.

"A Will and Away" is Bell's second play written to inform the public about a problem situation. Dangers resulting from the Murdock irrigation canal prompted Bell to start his playwriting efforts. He perceived the irrigation canal as a "frustrating and a frightening situation." To draw attention to the dangers of the canal, he wrote "Lambs of Summer."

PTA meetings and other assemblies gave Bell an opportunity to present "Lambs of Summer." The result was encouraging. Bell is not sure of the actual impact of the play, but he does think the play informed the public, which in turn motivated support for improvement of the canal.

Sometimes Bell's concern for issues gets in his way. "I often curse these nagging that keep prompting me to write and wish that I could just go on with my medical practice."

Bell said his playwriting takes time away from his medical career and also requires sacrifices by his family, but apparently he thinks it is worth the trouble.



Sheri Sauve and Michael Eaton scrutinize the stock page to determine the worth of their dying mother's shares in "A Will and Away," a new play that will premiere May 9 at 8 p.m. in the Margetts Arena Theater.

Mary Lou may oust governors

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The state treasurer says all those dreary portraits of former governors around the statehouse should be replaced by those of state natives people can relate to — like Olympics gymnast Mary Lou Retton.

"The alcoves inside the Capitol just cry for something to be there that is alive, not a bunch of dead ex-governors," Treasurer A. James Manchin said Monday.



Some never see ABCs

Learning handicaps keep students below potential

By KIMBERLY LEWIS
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More than 250 students attending BYU are unaware that they have a learning disability, said Kelly King, the administrative aide for the Handicapped Student Services, 390 SWKT.

Students who think they are slower than or not as intelligent as other students may actually have a learning disability, which Fielding defines as a "defect of at least 40 percent between an individual's actual level compared to their achievement."

In other words, these students achieve 40 percent less than their capability.

Common symptoms associated with a learning disability are: numerous, slow reading, poor spelling and writing, having to consistently reread passages to assimilate information and having difficulty expressing what they know in written form.

The most common disability seen at Handicapped Student Services is related to visual assimilation of information. "The person's eyes work just fine, but somewhere in the transfer of written information from the visual intake to the memory, or the memory back out again — there is a prob-

lem," Fielding said.

Two years ago Handicapped Student Services worked with only three learning-disabled students. Now the program works with more than 40 students, an increase which Fielding attributes to the success of the Educational Psychology Assessment Center in the David O. McKay Building, increased national attention the topic has received, and to Handicapped Services for making students aware of the symptoms.

Learning disabilities are physiological problems which cannot be changed in most cases, but can be compensated for. "We work with the person's strengths, rather than trying to cure them," Fielding said.

Handicapped Student Services offers many programs to assist those who need help. Services include textbook taping, live reading, providing tutors and also working with people on an individual basis. A reading room, located in the HBLL Learning Resource Center, has also recently been completed.

Fielding said a learning disability is nothing to be ashamed of and that Handicapped Services is there to help.

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Alabama walks away with 3 top awards for country music

JENA PARK, Calif. (AP) — Alabama, a group that features hot music and well-crafted love songs, became the biggest all-time winner of Academy of Country Music awards by walking away with three trophies at the 20th annual show.

"We never win another award, seen a great career," a glibly witty Randy Owen of Alabama said. "I don't see us getting out of the mess. I feel just like a little kid."

The group, a mother-daughter team, won two awards of the year and vocal duet — for "Why Not Me."

Alabama, a four-member band, at the ceremonies Monday night. The Berry Farm by picking up the year, vocal group of

the year and album of the year honors, the latter for "Roll On," released by RCA Records. Monday's ceremonies, televised on NBC, brought to 11 the number of Academy of Country Music awards the band has won since 1982, one more than singer Kenny Rogers.

Naomi and Wynonna Judd were the only other multiple winners. They won a Grammy in February for best country performance by a duo or group for their single "Mama He's Crazy."

Top female vocalist went to Reba McEntire.

Top male vocalist went to George Strait.

Willy Nelson and Julio Iglesias' "To All the Girls I've Loved Before" was named top single.

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SPORTS

Freshman trackster Russ Muir sets sights on 800-meter title



BYU freshman Russ Muir leads the pack in a recent track meet. In his first year Muir has become the Cougars' fastest runner in the 800-meters and is one of the favorites in that event in the upcoming WAC Outdoor Track Championships.

By GORDON TREADWAY
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU track team's newest star, freshman 800-meter runner Russ Muir, has leaped some difficult hurdles on the way to finding success on the Cougar track team this year. He's had to endure frustrating defeats, injuries and the death of his father.

Muir didn't have to travel far from his Sandy, Utah, home to compete in the Cougar blue and white, and the move has proved to be more than fruitful for the likable, young-looking freshman.

In January, Muir surprisingly became the top 800-meter runner on the team and has finished high in every meet he has competed in. The highlight for Muir was his second-place finish at the WAC Indoor Championships in New Mexico, missing the championship by less than a second. In two outdoor races in Arizona this spring he lost by less than one second both times.

"It's frustrating to lose races when they're so close," Muir said. "In New Mexico (at the WAC Indoor meet) I made some mental errors that put me behind, and I just couldn't catch up at the end."

Muir was all-everything in high school, winning four letters in track, three in basketball (where he also garnered state MVP honors as a senior) and two in golf. He won the Utah State 3-4 800-meter championship his last three years, and currently holds the prep mark in the same event with a time of 1:55.36 set at the BYU Invitational last year.

Even with the record and championships in high school, BYU coach Clarence Robison is surprised with the way his new star has performed thus far.

"We saw him as a very promising runner in the state," Robison said. "He has learned quickly. We expected him to be good, but not this good."

How good is Muir in the eyes of a coach who has instructed such world-class runners as Ed Eyestone, Doug Padilla and Henry Marsh? (Russ) has proven to be one of the truly best middle distance runners in the United States. He has proven to be just outstanding," said Robison.

Muir has had to overcome several difficulties in reaching the success he now has found. He's had the injuries that tracksters seem to naturally inherit — stress fractures and shin splints — but one hardship proved to be almost too much.

In September of Muir's junior year in high school, his father died of cancer.

Muir enjoyed a close relationship with his father, which made his death even harder to recover from. "We were always doing athletic things together," Muir said. "We played bas-

ketball and even golf. He would come down and time me and watch me finish my workouts on the track."

"After he passed away, I thought, 'how can I do it without him?' He was at every game. These are the years — the last years of high school and college — when parents are the most important," Muir added.

It was a task to keep training after his father died because of the added responsibility of being the "man of the house." But he says as time went along and the pain and loneliness diminished, the death gave him added incentive to do even better.

"One of the reasons I try to excel is to make my family proud," Muir said. "I know (my father) is watching me and I want him to be proud of me."

Muir talks about his father's death openly and freely, welcoming the chance to talk about it. "When people hear about my dad dying, they say, 'Oh, I'm sorry,' because they don't know what to say. I wish I could talk about it more. I like talking about it."

In January, before the indoor season started, Muir's goal was to just make the traveling squad. He qualified in those first time trials and received his uniform — a moment, he says, he'll never forget.

"When I first got my uniform I just held it up and looked at it. I thought, 'Wow, Brigham Young! This is it. Russ, this is college. I'm really a BYU athlete. Wow! In a way it kind of scared me because I started thinking about all the great athletes that have been here,'" Muir said.

While Muir was thinking about other great Cougar runners, Robison expects Muir to join their ranks. He says that he expects the freshman runner to win the WAC Outdoor 800-meter this week, and somewhere down the road run in the Olympics.

Muir's times have improved remarkably in the last three months, from 1:55 to 1:49.30, mainly because he has been able to devote most of his time to track.

"In high school after basketball season ended I would have about two weeks to train before the track season started," Muir said.

He is planning to leave on a mission for the LDS church this June, but when he gets back his goals are well-defined. He wants to win the national championship and make the Olympic team.

"He definitely has a shot at it," Robison said of Muir's Olympic possibilities. "He's definitely of that caliber. It wouldn't surprise me a bit to see him there someday. He's going to be a great one."

"Thinking about the Olympics has always been something that was in the future, but now I can see the goal is reachable," Muir said. "Being in the Olympics is definitely in the picture. It still seems like just an incredible feat, but hopefully someday."

Cougar baseballers win 1 lose 2 to scrappy Falcons

By BRENT WILCOCK
Universe Staff Writer

The BYU baseball team won one and lost two of a three-game series at Air Force winning on Monday 13-12 and losing both games of a doubleheader on Tuesday 13-11 and 15-14 in 10 innings.

BYU cut short a determined ninth inning rally by Air Force and hung on to win a see-saw victory in Fort Collins, Colo., in Monday's game.

The Cougars refused to give up in the contest after being down 6-0 in the third inning and 9-3 in the fifth. Relying on good team hitting and home runs by Gary Cooper, Clark Cliffford and Dave Morrow, the Cougars came from behind to go ahead 11-10 in the seventh inning. The Cougars added two runs in the eighth inning which proved to be the deciding margin.

Air Force scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning closing the gap to 13-12. The Falcons were threatening to score again with two out and runners on first and third but the Air Force batter grounded out on a 3-2 pitch to end the inning and the game.

BYU faced Air Force in a doubleheader on Tuesday afternoon. In the first game Air Force

beat the Cougars by a score of 13-11. The Falcons were led by the pitching of Eric Pharris who won his second game of the season for the Falcons against one loss. Pharris helped his own cause at the plate as he pounded out two dou-

bles. BYU led in first inning as Cougars brought in four runs, but Air Force came up with seven runs in the bottom of the first to eclipse the Cougars. Air Force trailed after that, got on to post the win.

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Doug Moe, whose Denver Nuggets were 52-30 — second best in the West and the Midwest Division champions — was second in the voting with 19.

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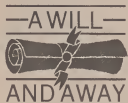
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Denver beats Utah Lakers series 4-1

Lakers control Portland 139-120

DENVER (AP)—Denver forward Kevin Natt scored 11 of his 21 points in the first five minutes to ignite a surge that eventually produced a 30-point lead, and the Nuggets held on to a 116-104 victory over the Utah Jazz Tuesday night to clinch their first NBA championship.

Denver, which won the best-of-seven conference semifinal series 4-1, met the Los Angeles Lakers for the Western Conference championship.

The Nuggets, despite the loss of starting guard Lafayette Lever with a knee injury, exploded to a 43-23 lead at the end of the first quarter. Natt, hitting two jump shots from the key and mauling inside for his other baskets, staked Denver to an 18-8 advantage with 7:05 left in the opening quarter.

Natt hit all five of his field-goal attempts and Alex English was 5-for-6 in the quarter as Denver raced to its 34-point lead. The Jazz, who were plagued by 10 turnovers in the first quarter, trailed 12-0 at the end of the first quarter.

English's fast-break basket made it 39-10 late in the second quarter, but Utah guard Rickey Green sparked a rally late in the third quarter. Utah scored 16 straight points, seven by Green, to draw within 90-77 with

2:21 left. Rookie Willie White's three-point shot padded Denver's lead to 97-79 at the end of the period. The Jazz eventually whittled the margin to eight points on a turn-around basket by Darrell Griffith with 2:35 remaining in the game, but White scored on a basket underneath and English sank a 14-foot jumper as Denver eased out to a 12-point lead and the victory.

English finished with 30 points, while Mike Evans came off the bench to get 16 and Wayne Copper had 15. White, in only his third start of the season, had 3 points.

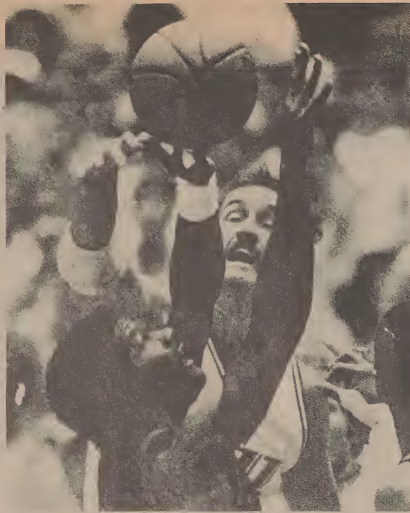
Green paced Utah with 22 points, followed by Griffith with 20 and Thurl Bailey with 19.

Ten minutes after the Nugget's victory over the Jazz, everyone turned their thoughts to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 34 points, 19 assists and nine rebounds Tuesday night as the Lakers clinched their NBA playoff series against the Portland Trail Blazers with a 139 to 120 victory.

Johnson skillfully handled the Trail Blazers' trapping defense that on Sunday forced 28 Los Angeles turnovers. The Lakers led the Trail Blazers from the second quarter on.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 25 points for the Lakers, and Bob McAdoo had 20.



Universe photo by George Frey

Jazz lose to Nuggets in Denver to be eliminated from the play-offs. Denver ran away from Utah in the first few minutes of the game and the Jazz were only able to draw within eight points with 2:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.



BYU equipment manager Floyd Johnson, shown here checking out some football equipment, recently received the Orem Rotary Club "Man of the Year" award. Johnson has been the Cougars' equipment manager for 29 years.

Equipment manager Floyd Johnson Honored for 29 years of service at Y

MELANIE MARTIN
Universe Sports Writer

Being an equipment manager for BYU athletics for 29 years is an accomplishment, but for Floyd Johnson, the strengthening of his athletic that comes through the various athletic programs is more important than the equipment he manages. Johnson was working in a local store 29 years ago, when football trainer Rod Kimball and athletic director Eddie Kimball asked him if he would be interested in the position as equipment manager. Since that time he has checked out more than an estimated 5,000 pairs of shoes to athletes, not to mention hundreds of other equipment items. Throughout the 29 years Johnson said he has never seen one failure come out of the various BYU programs, meaning that every athlete has left the university better off than when he or she came. "Winning games and earning championships is great, but winning souls is even better," said Johnson.

Johnson has been busy throughout his 29 years serving as a bishop for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and currently as the unofficial coordinator for the Athletic Department Speakers' Bureau. He also speaks on behalf of the athletic department, sometimes as much as two times a week, seven days a week.

This past year has been especially exciting for Johnson because of the BYU football team's national championship. He has received requests for national championship T-shirts from as far away as Yugoslavia and Japan.

Johnson was recently given the "Man of the

Year" award for "service above self" by the Orem Rotary Club.

Besides counseling and helping BYU athletes, Johnson and his wife Hannah support children in Haiti and Laos. His concern for children and athletes is very apparent and the most important part of his life.

His dedication can best be summed up by his assistant, Mel Darrington. "I have never worked with a man that does as much for people as Floyd does," Darrington said.

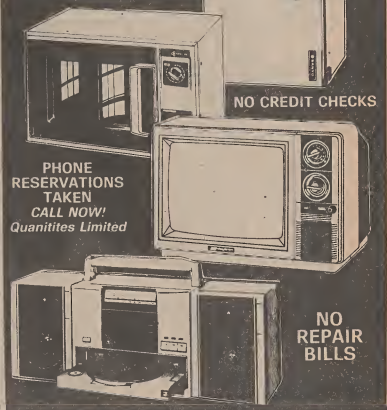
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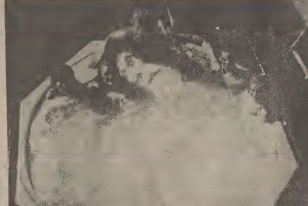
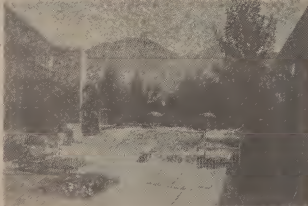
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When a student is notified of his LOP he is invited to come into the Academic Standards Office where he is instructed on how to raise his GPA, and to discuss what is keeping him from achieving academic success.

"It's easy to stay off academic probation or LOP, than for a student to get on and try to get off," said Jones.

Those who wish to know more about LOP can consult either the Academic Standards Office or page 11 of the BYU General Catalog.

Neighbors of Sprouse Creek mine seek court order to stop explosions

LOBATA, W.Va. (AP) — Flying rock from mine blasting has sent several neighbors of an A. T. Massey Coal Co. subsidiary to court in an attempt to halt the explosions.

Williamson lawyer Jane Moran says her clients are seeking an injunction in Mingo County Circuit Court against blasting at the Sprouse Creek Processing Co. A temporary restraining order against the explosions was issued last week by Judge Elliott Maynard.

Sprouse Creek officials say they are blasting to widen an access road to the mine to allow larger coal trucks to pass through. While acknowledging that an April 2 blast sent chunks of rock raining down on several Lobata homes, the mining company says the blasting is not to blame for foundation cracks and other alleged damage.

Moran said the April 2 explosion affected homes 1,500 feet away and the company plans more blasts as close as 800 feet from the homes.

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Homecoming Committee — We are looking for exciting, dedicated people who are willing to help on the Homecoming Committee for fall. If you are going to be here during the spring and summer and would be interested in helping, come to a meeting Thursday at 11 a.m. in 360 ELWC. If you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting, leave a message for Drew or Krista with the ELWC fourth floor receptionist.

Special Olympics — One hundred and fifty assistant coaches are needed to help with the Utah Special Olympics Summer Games on May 24 and 25. Anyone interested can participate. For more information, contact Melanie Dupont at 374-6639.

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Scholarship policy to change

Required credit hours down from 15 to 12 beginning next fall

By MAUREEN DAHL
Universe Staff Reporter

Some students on scholarship will no longer need to take 15 credit hours a semester, because of a recent change in policy by the Student Financial Aids Office.

The change, which takes effect this fall, will apply to those students who currently are on what are termed freshmen or transfer student scholarships. These scholarships are those received by incoming freshmen from high school and scholarships received by transfer students.

Also included in this category are students who are currently on the same scholarship they received upon entering the university, such as Trustee Scholarships and Spencer W. Kimball Scholarships.

Students who have freshmen or transfer scholarships may now take 24 credit hours over a two-semester period. The previous requirement was 30 credit hours for a two-semester period. Technically, a student could take less than twelve credit hours one semester and the balance the following semester, but it was recommended that at least 12 credit hours be taken each semester.

The change, however, may not apply to Continuing Student Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded after the student has entered BYU.

Because these scholarships are awarded by individual university colleges, the policy change may not affect them.

Students will need to contact their colleges to determine if the policy change will affect them.

Talent and leadership scholarships will not be affected.

According to Financial Aids Director Ford L. Stevenson, there were two major reasons for the policy change. First, the office wanted to simplify the current scholarship policy. Stevenson referred to Pell Grants, which require full-time students to take 12 credit hours per semester, and said it may be simpler for students to have the same load required for scholarship recipients.

Stevenson calls the policy change "an effort to standardize."

Secondly, the office was concerned with scholarship recipient responsibilities. According to Stevenson, 11,000 students a year are trying to work while attending school and many are carrying family responsibilities. In the last three years the office

has received numerous petitions from students wanting to take less than 15 credit hours per semester. The policy change is "an attempt to be sensitive to student needs."

Stevenson stressed that students will still be required to make regular progress toward graduation. Trustees and Kimball Scholarships are still set for only eight semesters. To graduate in eight semesters, a student needs to average 16 credit hours a semester, he said.

The change in policy is expected to affect approximately 2,500 students, not including those Continuing Student Scholarship recipients.

Spring and summer credit requirements will remain the same as in the past. Students will be required to take six credit hours per term.

Three BYU professors receive national honors

Three BYU professors, two from the College of Humanities and one from the College of Fine Arts and Communications, have received national honors in their respective fields.

Madison Upshaw Sowell, an associate professor of Italian, has been accepted to the six-week Summer Distinguished Institute at Dartmouth College. John S. Tanner, an assistant professor of English, will attend the Milton Institute at Arizona State University.

A senior research fellowship has been awarded to Thomas J. Mathiesen, a music professor.



In-depth seminar by John Sexton will be high light of photo festival

By JONETTE UDARBE
Asst. Campus Editor

A BYU Festival of Photography, with special guest John Sexton, a renowned craftsman in photography, will take place May 30 through June 28.

According to Wally Barrus, associate professor of photography at BYU, the idea of having a photography festival was conceived two years ago. "We thought of bringing in a national figure for it so I talked to John Sexton during a workshop of his I attended in Carmel, Calif., a couple of years ago and invited him to BYU."

Sexton responded to the invitation with great enthusiasm. "He has heard about BYU for a long time," said Barrus. "He's also excited about Utah because it is loaded with photography possibilities."

According to Barrus, it is a great honor to have Sexton participate in the festival because of his national recognition in the world of photography. Sexton, who was the technical and photographic assistant of late photographer Ansel Adams, not only produces exceptional work, but conducts numerous workshops in the U.S. and Asia and consults and lectures extensively.

"I personally feel he is one of the hottest people in the photography market right now. It is a rare privilege to have him take the time to come. He is one of the truly great photographers working today."

The festival consists of four main events. An expressive black and white print workshop featuring John Sexton is scheduled May 30, 31 and June 1. Barrus said this is a continuous in-depth workshop starting early in the morning and continuing late in the night with a dinner break.

Sexton will instruct students on the fine art of black and white printing. He will conduct darkroom demonstrations in such areas as the production of high quality negatives, creative printing techniques and processing for permanence. Critique sessions will also be conducted which will pro-

vide valuable evaluation of the participants' prints.

Participants should have a working knowledge of black and white technique and be involved in printmaking. Barrus suggests early registration because the workshop is limited to 20 participants.

A second scheduled event is an evening with Ansel Adams featuring John Sexton on May 31 at 7 p.m. at Gallery 303, HFAC. This is open to all who are interested. Sexton will be talking about Ansel Adams, the man, rather than the legend, said Barrus. "Being his assistant, John Sexton knows about him as a man," Sexton will also show examples of Adams' work and talk about his photographic procedures.

Open to all photographers, professional or amateur, is a photography show which will be juried by Sexton, Barrus and John Telford.

Photographers may enter three photographs, framed and equipped with hanging devices, that have been taken within the last two years. The work will be judged, a purchase prize will be awarded if so recommended by the jurors and a reception will be held for all participants on June 4 from 7-9 p.m. in the B.F. Larson Gallery, HFAC. The photographs will be displayed in the gallery from June 3 until June 28.

Interested participants may obtain registration forms at BYU's Conferences and Workshops. Entries must be hand delivered with identification cards enclosed on the reverse side of each photograph to Gallery 303, HFAC, on May 23 or 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also featured at the festival will be an exhibit of original works by Adams, Sexton, Telford and Barrus in Gallery 303, HFAC June 3 through 28.

Telford is a well-known Utah photographer who has exhibited widely in the West, said Barrus. He is also the chairman of the photography services at the University of Utah and has conducted many workshops on western scenery.

Reagan has power to chart ideological cast of courts

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's a conservative dream and a liberal nightmare: the likelihood that President Reagan will determine the ideological cast of the federal judiciary well into the next century.

"By choosing judges sympathetic to his views Reagan can shape the course of American law for the next 25 to 30 years," says Herman Schwartz, a professor of law at American University.

In an article in *Nation* magazine, Schwartz called that prospect "grim times for individual rights and social justice."

But while it may be grim times for

liberals, conservatives see it as the end of a long era of "judicial activism."

"Much of the revolution of the past 30 years has been brought to us by judges and lawyers," complained William French Smith when he was attorney general. He said judges had usurped powers that rightfully belonged to legislators. Smith called it "government by judicial decree."

For many conservatives, a change in the federal judiciary — from the Supreme Court down to the U.S. District courts — could be the most significant legacy of the Reagan presidency.

Treasury agrees to revise plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury Department, under pressure from churches and colleges, has agreed to water down a portion of its tax-overhaul plan that would reduce tax incentives for charitable donations, congressional sources said Tuesday.

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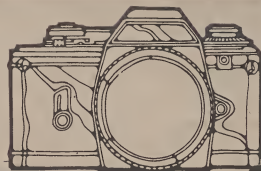
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Medical center starts up new podiatry unit

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The members of the newly-created department are Drs. Allan Gomez, Gary Morley, Gary Ridge, Mark Rogers, Tom Rogers and McKay Winkel.

The move reflects a consumer-oriented, progressive approach to medical care, according to Mark J. Howard.



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